

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 133, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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Measures Considered:

Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act—Cloture Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 146, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, May 21, 2009, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, June 2, 2009.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 3:00 p.m., on Monday, June 1, 2009.

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Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act—Cloture Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1256, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make certain modifications in the Thrift Savings Plan, the Civil Service Retirement System, and the Federal Employees' Retirement System.

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Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, May 21, 2009, the Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority

and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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Authority for Committees—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, all committees be authorized to file legislative and executive reports on Friday, May 29, 2009, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

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Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, Senator Reed be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Arab Emirates Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–21)

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McCarthy Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that after a period of morning business, on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Seth David Harris, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

Florence Y. Pan, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2012.

Cameron F. Kerry, of Massachusetts, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

Sandra Brooks Henriquez, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Michael L. Connor, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Reclamation.